

REMARKS

The amendment limits the scope of the recited polyester polyol.


Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Werner (DE 3131760).

Werner is believed avoided by the present amendment.

Believing the above represent a complete response to the Office Action and that the application is in condition for allowance, applicants request the earliest issuance of an indication to this effect.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for making a bloom-free thermoplastic polyurethane comprising blending an amount of a chain terminator selected from the group consisting of monofunctional alkylene alcohol having at least 14 carbon atoms and mono-isocyanate, in molten thermoplastic polyurethane, said polyurethane being the product of a reaction wherein reactants comprise
 - (i) at least one hydroxy functional polyol selected from the group consisting of polyester polyol, polyether polyol and polycarbonate polyol, having a number average molecular weight of 500 to 5000 and a hydroxyl functionality of at least 2,
 - (ii) a chain extending compound selected from the group consisting of diols and diamines having a molecular weight of 60 to 500 g/mol,
 - (iii) an organic diisocyanate,wherein said (i), (ii) and (iii) are present in the reaction in such amounts that the ratio NCO/H therebetween is 0.95 to 1.05, said amount of chain terminator being sufficient to render said product bloom-free the polyester consisting of polybutylene adipate.

As explicitly set forth in 37 C.F.R. Section 1.121(c)(1)(ii), last sentence, a marked up version does not have to be supplied for an added claim or a cancelled claim as it is sufficient to state that a particular claim has been added, or cancelled, and this has been so stated in the Amendment.

In particular, in this case, Claim 13 has been added.